

## Pioneer Of Wasatch County Goes To Reward

John H. Murdock, 87, Wasatch county pioneer and resident of Provo and Orem for the past 21 years, died at his home there Tuesday evening after a three months' illness. He was a farmer and civic leader in Heber for many years.

Mr. Murdock was born April 28, 1854, in Church Pasture, Davis county, son of Joseph Stacy and Eliza Clark Murdock. He moved with his parents to Wasatch county in 1862, settling in Midway.

An active member of the church all his life he filled a colonizing mission for the church to Saint Johns, Ariz., from 1884 to 1890, and another mission to the Southern states from 1907 to 1908.

He was a member of the Wasatch stake high council and was president of the stake high priests quorum. In the Charleston and Saint Johns, Ariz., ward, he served as superintendent of the Sunday schools and was a ward teacher for 60 years.

Formerly he had served as a member of the Heber City council, Charleston school board, and was prominent in the Democratic party.

In March, 1873, he married Mary Elvira Gallagher in the Salt Lake Endowment house. She died in 1890. On Dec. 4, 1895, he married Emily A. Bond in the Salt Lake temple.

Surviving are his widow, four daughters and a son by his first marriage, Mrs. Amelia B. Witt and Mrs. Sadie Thurman of Heber; Mrs. Eliza Sellers and Mrs. Pearl Buckley of Provo; Joseph S. Murdock of Idaho Falls, Ida.; four daughters and two sons by his second marriage, Mrs. Marella Stanley, Mrs. Leah Kay and Thomas C. Murdock, all of Heber City; Paul B. Murdock of Salt Lake City; Mrs. Ellen Patten of Provo and Mrs. Edith Murdock of San Bernardino Calif.; 70 grandchildren, 78 great-grandchildren, five great-great-grandchildren and the following brothers and sisters: Alva M. of Duchesne; David N., William H., Parley A., Andrew H. Murdock, Mrs. Janie McDonald and Mrs. Ann Coleman, all of Heber; Franklin J. Murdock of White Rocks, Utah; Mrs. Margaret Murray, Park City.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 11:30 a. m. in the Panagos ward in Provo by Rev. Roy H. Gappmayer. Friends may call at the residence in Orem Friday evening and Saturday until time for services.

Additional services will be conducted in the Wasatch stake tabernacle in Heber Saturday at 2 p. m. Friends may call at the tabernacle from 1:30 p. m. Saturday until time for the services.

## JOHN H. MURDOCK



John Heber Murdock, son of Joseph Stacy and Eliza Clark Murdock, was born in Church Pastures, Davis County, April 28, 1854. He moved with his parents to American Fork, and in 1862 came to Wasatch County. 441

In March of 1873 he married Mary Elvira Gallagher in the Salt Lake Endowment House. They were the parents of nine children: John Gallagher, who died in childhood; Amelia Brittingham, who married William Witt; Eunice Sweet, who married Orson Thomas Hicken; Eliza, who married Archibald Sellers; Mary Elvira, who died in infancy; Pearl, who married George Buckley; Joseph Stacy, who married Zina Hill; Sarah Esther, who married Glen Thurman, and Heber, who married Effie Morton. Mary Elvira died in 1890.

On December 14, 1895, John married Emily A. Bond in the Salt Lake Temple. They were the parents of six children, Marella Irene, who married George B. Stanley; Leah, who married Lee Kay; Paul Bond; Thomas Calvin; Ellen, who married Leland Stanford Patten, and Edith Mary Murdock.

John H. was an active member of the Church all his life, filling a colonizing mission to St. Johns, Arizona, from 1884 to 1890, and a mission to the Southern States in 1907 and 1908. He served on the High Council of Wasatch Stake and was president of the St. Johns Irrigation Co. and the Wasatch Irrigation Co. He also was president of the High Priests' Quorum and was active in the Sunday School. He served as a member of the Heber City Council, the Charleston School Board and was prominent in the Democratic party. He also had been a member of the brass band and owned the Heber Confectionery. He was marshal for several years. In later life he moved to Provo, where he lived until his death. At 80 he took up the hobby of painting and received several blue ribbons at county fairs.

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